AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

Serial Number: 09/960,291

Filing Date: September 24, 2001

Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR INSERTING CARD EDGE SLOTS INTO A PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD (as amended)

Assignee: Intel Corporation

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on May 10, 2005.

Claims 20–23 are amended, previously withdrawn claims 11–19 are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1–10 and 20–23 are now pending in this application.

In the Office action two amendments to claim 1 were suggested without further explanation. As to suggestion a), Applicant used "to hold" rather than "holding" intentionally so that the claim reads upon the apparatus without it being necessary to have card edge slots being held by the slot insertion members. As to suggestion b), Applicant sees no reason why it is necessary to amend the claim from "connected to" to read "connected directly to," Since the issuance of the ex parte Quayle action closed prosecution on the merits, Applicant believes that a requirement amend claims for other than "formal matters" is not warranted. See MPEP 714.14.

Applicant submits that claim 1 is proper, without amendment.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, having been previously allowed, are now in condition for issuance allowance and proper action toward that end is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney ((612) 373-6970) to facilitate resolution of any remaining issues relating to this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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